

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for feeding paper webs ~~and the like~~, for producing cardboard tubes, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ the apparatus comprising: a plan modular structure with a development mostly longitudinal and exhibiting two opposite surfaces, one of said surfaces supporting pairs of shafts or axes horizontally oriented parallel to said one surface and located at a preset distance from the ground, each of said shafts or axes intended to support at least a reel from which a paper web unwinds, so that the output webs run parallel and superimposed to each other along the other surface of the structure, and in that it comprises automatic means, associated with said structure, for the cutting and mutual gluing of the webs which unwind from two different reels of a same pair of shafts.

2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said structure has a plurality of slits or windows through which [[the]] said webs can pass from the side of a surface to the side of the other surface.

3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ means associated with said structure for guiding said webs.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ means associated with said structure for the ventral gluing of a portion of said webs.

5. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising
~~characterized in that it comprises~~ means for adjusting the tension of the webs which run along
said surface opposite to ~~[[that]]~~ the surface that supports ~~[[the]]~~ said shafts.